

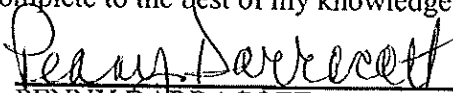
JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

Cardiac Surgeon – FHCC

1. **Identification of the Agency and the Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, NCO 12, Great Lakes Acquisition Center, 115 South 84th Street, Suite 101, Milwaukee, WI 53214. On behalf of the Federal Health Care Center (FHCC), 3001 Green Bay Road, North Chicago, IL, 60064, this is a Justification for Other Than Full and Open Competition. The purchase request number is 556-13-1-2135-0002.
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Approved:** Justification and approval for other than full and open competition with Cardiothoracic & Vascular Surgical Associates, S.C. This will be approximately a one-year firm-fixed unit price, requirements contract.
3. **A Description of Services required (including estimated value):** The Federal Health Care Center has a requirement for Cardiac Surgeon call coverage to be provided 24/7, with the exception of, one four hour clinic per week and elective surgical procedures. Cardiac Surgeons shall either perform or assist in thoracic and vascular surgical procedures as necessary and must be able to report to the Federal Health Care Center within 30 minutes of being contacted. Physicians must be either a Board Eligible or Board Certified Cardiovascular Surgeon or Board Eligible or Board Certified Cardiothoracic Surgeon trained in Vascular Surgery. The award will be made on a sole-source basis for the period October 15, 2012 through October 14, 2013. The total estimated value of this contract is \$309,000.
4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:** FAR 6.302-2 Unusual and Compelling Urgency, 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(2).
5. **Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition:** Cardiothoracic & Vascular Surgical Associates S.C. currently has two Physicians who are credentialed and privileged at the Federal Health Care Center and can begin providing services immediately. New providers would need to complete this process, which takes approximately two-three months. The Federal Health Care Center provides care for both Veterans and Active Duty Military personnel and surgeons are required to enter data into the electronic medical record, which includes VA CPRS and/or DOD AHLTA/CHCS applications. This level of access requires an ANACI background investigation. Cardiothoracic & Vascular Surgical Associates S.C. surgeons have also begun/completed this process, which takes between 2-4 weeks to initiate. These requirements would cause unacceptable delays in providing patient care.
6. **Efforts Made to Ensure that Offers are solicited from as Many Potential Sources as Practicable:** Market research identified other potential firms in the area. The Contracting Officer will contact these firms to see if they would be interested in providing services to the FHCC and a competitive procurement will be conducted for a long-term contract.

7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** Pricing offered will be compared to the Government estimate, market research, and prior contracts for the same service prior to award. "Other than Cost and Pricing Data" may also be requested from the vendor.
8. **Market Survey Conducted:** In accordance with FAR Part 10 market research was conducted. A search in GSA E-Library revealed eight (8) large business Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) vendors that could potentially provide Cardiothoracic/Vascular Surgery in Illinois under FSS. A search of the Small Business Dynamic Search Tool was conducted utilizing the keywords: Cardiovascular & 621111, Thoracic Surgeon, Vascular Surgeon, Cardiothoracic, but did not result in any possible vendors. A VetBiz Registry search was also conducted using the same keywords and did not result in any possible vendors. A Google Search performed for Cardiovascular Surgeons in the Chicago Area revealed numerous doctors and eight (8) potential companies that provide these services/doctors.
9. **Other Facts:** VHA Directives on Surgical Complexity require the Federal Health Care Center to provide 24/7 emergency vascular surgery coverage as a requirement to have a Joint Replacement and Advanced Surgical Procedures programs. Cardiothoracic & Vascular Surgical Associates S.C. has been determined to be a responsible vendor and is not listed on any exclusion websites.
10. **Other Sources Expressing an Interest:** None.
11. **Actions to Remove or Overcome any Barriers to Competition:** A 5 year competitive procurement will be conducted and a new contract will be awarded during the performance of this contract.
12. **Requirements Certification:**

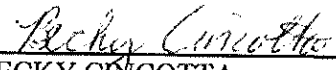
Contracting Officer Representative (COR) Certification: I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.


PENNY DARRACOTT
CONTRACTING OFFICER REPRESENTATIVE
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
FEDERAL HEALTH CARE CENTER

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13. Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304:

- a. **Contracting Officer's Certification:** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



BECKY CINOTTA
CONTRACTING OFFICER
NCO 12

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- b. **Team Manager:** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

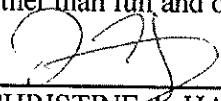


PATRICE BOND
MEDICAL SHARING TEAM MANAGER
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- c. **Network Contract Manager (NCM):** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.



CHRISTINE A. HANSEN
NETWORK CONTRACT MANAGER
NCO 12

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